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REMARKS

Original claims 1-8 have been canceled and new claims 9-14 have been added to incorporate the technical feature recited in original dependent claim 6 into independent apparatus and method claims.

Examination on the merits is requested.

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- FIG. 1 is a block diagram showing a configuration of a demodulator related to an embodiment of the present invention;
- [FIG. 2 is a explanatory view] <u>FIGS. 2 (A)-(C) are explanatory views</u> showing format conversion of TMCC signals in a demodulator related to an embodiment of the present invention;
- [FIG. 3] <u>FIGS. 3 (A)-(H)</u> is a timing chart provided for explanation on operation of a demodulator related to an embodiment of the present invention;
- FIG. 4 is a block diagram showing a configuration of a conventional demodulator;
 - FIG. 5 is a truth table of control signals in a demodulator;
- [FIG. 6] <u>FIGS. 6 (A)-(B)</u> is a timing chart provided for explanation on operation of a prior art demodulator, and
- [FIG. 7 is an explanatory view] <u>FIGS. 7 (A)-(D) are explanatory views</u> of a technical concept of Viterbi decoding.